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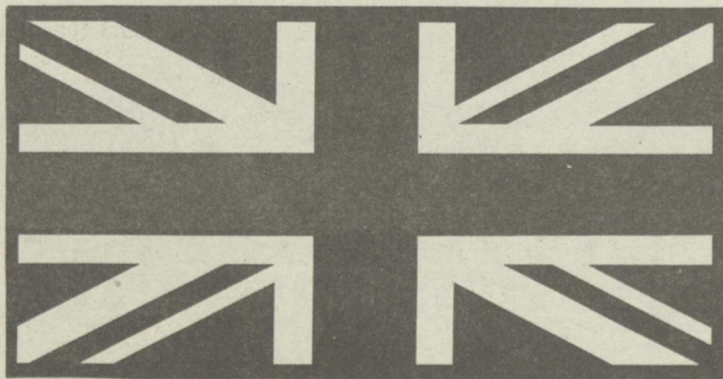
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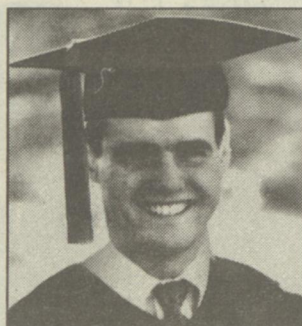


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Housekeeping in Maher Hall?

SARA BELLITT
Staff Writer

Remember the good ol' dorm room days when no matter how hard you tried, you just couldn't seem to keep the dirty clothes off the floor and the clean ones in the drawers?

When, the idea of checking out a vacuum or dusting your room was something that had been left at home the day you moved to college?

Well, now all your cleaning troubles may be over! You can pay a housekeeper to come clean your room for you! No, this is not a dream; it's actually a reality on USD's campus.

Last fall, freshmen senator Derick Lee, noticed how messy many of the dorm rooms in Maher were getting. The messier the rooms were, the more often the idea of hiring a housekeeper to clean them was heard throughout the halls. So, Derick decided that this would be a good topic to bring up to the Student Issues Board. After a few discussions and some planning, the housekeeping project on the way to being piloted in Maher.

Here's how the program works: Interested students call Hollee Chapman, vice president of Student Issues. Chapman will then give the students the phone number of an employee in USD's Housekeeping Services. Consequently, students can help out USD employees by providing them with an added opportunity to make extra money.

The rates for cleaning are as follows:

*Bathroom only: \$20

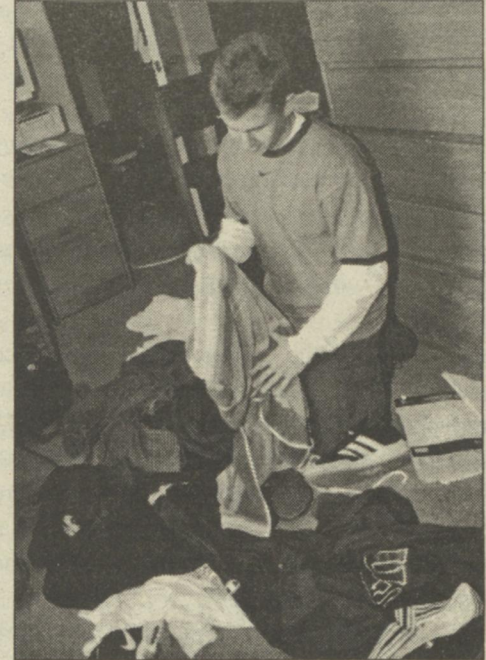
*Bedroom/Lounge: \$15

*"The Works"; bedroom and bathroom: \$30

The project began with the bathrooms, and has now expanded to a complete room cleaning. Maher resident Rocky Fox said, "I'd be interested in housekeeping, especially in the bathroom. Thirty dollars is a reasonable price to pay to have your room cleaned."

Another Maher resident Bob Ballard said, "The idea sounds better than it is. It's easier to clean my room myself. That way you don't have to worry about other people being in your room."

Whatever your decision may be, housekeeping is available all over campus. If you're interested in housekeeping for your room, contact Chapman at extension 2590.



Katie Pham

Maher Mess: The mess in this Maher dorm room is an example of what USD housekeepers will have to face.

Poet and pianist unite for Black History Month

GRETCHEN SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

Quincy Troupe, poet, author and professor of creative writing at UCSD, and pianist Anthony Davis collaborated for the first time last Thursday to celebrate Black History Month.

The event, sponsored by BSU, United Front and AS, featured Troupe and Davis mixing their medium to create a different kind of poetry. While Davis played the piano, Troupe would read his poetry in time with the music. In addition, Troupe read a few poems alone and Davis played a few piano solos. Troupe and Davis managed to pack the UC Forum AB with students, faculty, alumni and visitors.

"The main thing I wanted my students to find out about is poetry is not what they stereotypically think of it as, but that there is a lot more to it. It can be a pleasurable thing. I knew Quincy Troupe was the man for that mission—to prove it to my students that poetry has a pulse," said USD professor Cody Dolnick.

Troupe is the winner of two American Book Awards and a Peabody Award, and he has published six nationally acclaimed volumes of poetry. His poems cover a variety of topics from moving away from New York City, to his new life in La Jolla, to a poem about Davis and another about his son. Troupe used repetition, the pitch and tone of his voice and the

rhythm of the music to convey a variety of emotions to the audience.

"This is the first time I have seen him read. He's a good professor. To watch him read teaches a lot about how to write poetry. It really adds to the class. He doesn't tell us how to write poetry—he wants us to find our own voice. So, it's nice to see him perform," said one of Troupe's students, Allison MacIsaac, a senior at UCSD.

Davis began the performance with a piano solo that displayed an interesting stylistic approach to the piano. Some students could be found moving uneasily in their chairs, while others watched with an intense gaze.

"His piano sounds like either a silent movie or a horror movie. I'm waiting for either Charlie Chaplain to fall from the ceiling or Jason Voorhees to pull me under my chair," said alumna and former director of Asylum Brian Converse.

Davis, a Yale graduate, now teaches music at UCSD. For his work on the opera AMISTAD, Davis received the first Paul Robeson cultural Democracy Award, presented by the Chicago Center for Arts Policy at Columbia College. He is also the recipient of an academy award by the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

For more information on cultural events during Black History Month, contact BSU at extension 8724.

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BeyondColorLines

A Student's Perspective on Diversity at the University of San Diego

Poll: Teens see less racism

TODD GLORIA

Beyond Color Lines Editor

A poll conducted by CBS News shows that American teens hold views about race that are in stark contrast to the opinions held by their parents. By a margin of two to one, teens think that race relations in the U.S. are good and will get better in the future, rather than worse.

Sixty-two percent of the respondents describe race relations in the United States as "good," compared to thirty-three percent who characterize them as "bad." That is compared to over fifty percent of adults who say relations are bad. The poll found responses were not dependent on the teen's race. African-American and white participant responses were not foregone conclusions.

A significant difference that emerged from the poll results was the attitudes held by teens about affirmative action. Sixty-four percent say it is necessary to have laws that protect racial minorities from discrimination, and seventy-two percent think that government affirmative action programs should be continued. By contrast, adults are far less supportive of such programs.

The poll also found that young people were much more likely to interact with other races than their parents were. Most were more open to interracial relationships and a stunning majority claimed to have a close friend of another race. On the disturbing side, the CBS poll reported that even though the next generation seems more racially tolerant, more than a quarter admits to making racist remarks.

Striking an optimistic tone, students were likely to believe that race relations will improve with time. Eleven percent felt that relations would get worse.

Nobel winner's story challenged

A new book by an American anthropologist has claimed that many details of the autobiography of Rigoberta Menchu are untrue. The book "I, Rigoberta Menchu" was first published in 1983. It is the author's painful story of growing up during Guatemala's brutal civil war. The book made Menchu an international spokesperson for the rights of indigenous peoples and won her the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize.

The anthropologist, David Stoll, suggests that Menchu's book cannot be the eyewitness account it purports to be because Menchu describes experiences that she could never have had herself. An investigation has found that some of Menchu's relatives, neighbors, and friends from her book had been fabricated. Other events in the autobiography were exaggerated. The autobiography was instrumental in bringing the world's attention to the political horrors of Central America and the plight of its people.

Since its publication over fifteen years ago, "I, Rigoberta Menchu" has become a favorite in colleges and universities around the world. Geir Lundestad, director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute, has said, there is no question of revoking the prize awarded to Menchu. He said the award was not based exclusively on the book.

Crimes against Indians frequent

The Justice Department reports that American Indians are more than twice as likely as others to become victims of violent crime. The report was the first to analyze the relationship of Indians and crime.

Indians suffer 124 violent crimes for every 100,000 population. That figure is double the rate for blacks

and 2.5 times the national average of 50. The study found that one in 25 Indians are either incarcerated or on parole or probation. Other disturbing statistics were the dramatic increase in the number of child abuse cases among Indians and the lack of qualified law enforcement officials on many reservations.

In 1997, tribal leaders declared a public safety crisis on the nation's reservations and planned to double the number of police officials. The Clinton Administration is expected to ask Congress to increase spending on Indian law enforcement.

Notre Dame fails to list gays in policy

The University of Notre Dame voted unanimously not to include sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy. The university's Board of Fellows said that they feared that such a move would allow the courts to interpret Roman Catholic doctrine. In a statement made after the vote, the Board said that they did not "believe that the university should leave to civil courts the interpretation and application of church teaching."

Events leading up to the vote included a three day fast organized by students to protest the Notre Dame's opposition to giving sexual orientation protected status.

Notre Dame's prominence has attracted attention to the issue which is causing debate in universities across the country, including USD. In a survey of 48 Catholic colleges and universities, Notre Dame found that 15 included sexual orientation in their statutes, most under penalty of loss of funding for not doing so. Currently 10 states and 200 cities have civil rights ordinances that include protection for gays.

Public Safety Crime Reports, January 1999

- Eight minors were found in possession of alcohol, four of whom were not USD students.
- Hubcaps were stolen from a car parked in the Olin lot.
- A wallet was stolen from a backpack in the Legal Research Center while it was left unattended. About \$1,700 was charged on the victim's credit cards.
- A student backed his car into a fire hydrant.
- Rocks were thrown at a patrol car by non-students. Their parents were contacted to determine if any further action was necessary.
- A car parked in the Valley was broken into and \$1,000 worth of stereo equipment was stolen.
- An employee in the Law School left \$210 on the top of her desk. She left for two hours and when she returned, the money was gone.
- A bike was stolen from the bike rack in the Camino/

- Founders Courtyard. There were no signs of tampering with the lock.
- Three male residents in the Knolls stole a fire extinguisher and sprayed its contents all over their room. This is a federal offence, so the proper authorities were contacted.
- A student backed into a staff member's car.
- A bong was found underneath a tree on campus. Nearby students were questioned, but a suspect was not apprehended.
- A bias-motivated incident was reported after a door in the Bahias had a sign that said, "God hates faggots." The sign was removed, the offenders are in counseling, and a punishment is being decided upon by University officials.
- A student called a faculty member and left a message on the voice-mail saying, "Yes, I was calling to make

- sure my grade was an 'A'. If it's not an 'A', I'm going to be very upset!..." Disciplinary action is being decided upon.
- A CD changer and stereo was stolen from a car parked in the West Point Field Lot during the daytime.
- A \$260 bike was forcibly removed from the Missions B bike rack.
- A drunk student was in the Cuyamaca Courtyard challenging everyone to a fight. Three students intervened and called Public Safety. The student was taken by SDPD to detox.
- Two non-USD students were urinating in the median in front of the Camino/Founders courtyard. They were both taken to detox by SDPD.
- Male residents in the Bahias were screaming off their balcony. Minors were found in possession of alcohol and a fake ID was confiscated.

Dartmouth edict jolts students

Single-sex fraternities, sororities to be banned

U-WIRE

HANOVER, N.H. — Dartmouth College, the school that inspired "Animal House," plans to put an end to single-sex fraternities and sororities to foster more "respectful relations" between the sexes.

Dartmouth students were in an uproar over the plan.

"This was like a bomb," said Misha Rosoff, 23, rush chairman of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "Everyone sort of assumed that the trustees would try to get rid of the Greek system, but this came with no warning."

Officials at the Ivy League school refused to say whether the plan means requiring fraternities and sororities to go coed or phasing them out, but college President James Wright said it will be the biggest change in social life at Dartmouth since women were ad-

mitted in 1972.

The move, announced in a letter to students aimed at encouraging "respectful relations between women and men." College administrators said they are concerned about problem drinking and the social fragmentation that sometimes accompanies the Greek-letter system.

The college did not say specifically when the changes would be put into effect.

The details are to be worked out in consultation with students and backed with tens of millions of dollars for construction of new housing, dining and social areas to replace the Greek houses.

In the end, the Greek system "as we know it today will not continue," Wright said yesterday.

Dartmouth, founded in 1769, has had fraternities for more than 158 years, and they are a major part of the school's image and the social life in Hanover, a

snowy town of about 7,000 people 135 miles from Boston. According to the student paper, The Dartmouth, more than 35 percent of the 4,300 undergraduates are members of 25 single-sex fraternities and sororities.

"The Greek system is a very huge thing up here," said Brad Bingham, 22, a member of Alpha Delta. "If there was a city or a bigger town with more things to do, maybe it wouldn't be so important."

Chris Miller, a member of Alpha Delta when he was a Dartmouth student, co-wrote "Animal House," the 1978 comedy about frat-house debauchery.

"Every time they plant a tree or modify the curriculum, they constantly have student meetings and discussions," complained Catherine Curran, 19, a sophomore and sorority member from Las Vegas. "For something this drastic, they should have gotten student input."

The national organizations of some fra-

ternities and sororities do not permit coed membership, and this could prove a hurdle.

The 120,000 living members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon would have to vote to change the fraternity's bylaws to admit women, and "the chances of that are slim to none," said Ben Lewis, a spokesman in Evanston, Ill.

"I know of no modern-day fraternity or sorority who has allowed anyone in of another gender," Lewis said.

Something that could become a model for Dartmouth occurred at Middlebury College in Vermont in 1991, Middlebury spokesman Phil Benoit said.

The trustees there "basically said to the Greek system houses, 'It's all right to remain here, but you must open membership to both genders,'" Benoit said.

He said nearly all complied, though they changed names and affiliations.

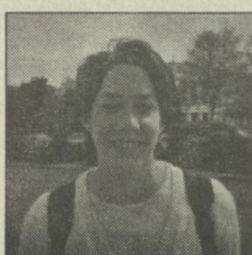
How would you react if sororities and fraternities were banned at USD?

TABITHA RODRIGUEZ-ANDERSON



Molly Foster
Junior

"Greek life is a good outlet for students and I think it would take a lot away from leadership and social opportunities."



Lindsey Murdy
Junior

"It would have a negative effect at USD. Considering that we already have limited Greek activities."



Jay Hauer
Junior

"I'm not in one, but I'd feel sorry for my friends who have put in a lot of time and effort into their frats and sororities."



Greg Pawlik
Junior

"I don't choose to participate in the Greek system because it fosters a division among people on campus."



Matt Wendel
Junior

"It would be a bad thing. There wouldn't be as much stuff to do on weekends."



Chris Sederberg
Junior

"I'd feel like I had wasted a lot of money buying all those friends."

Friendship in the Age of AIDS

NATASHA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Magic Johnson's admission that he had contracted the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) marked the first time the media and the country recognized the presence of HIV and the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). What was whispered about before and hinted to on college campuses must now be brought to the attention of students.

AIDS is one of the leading causes of death for Americans between the ages of 25 and 44, according to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention. The majority of the people who are infected with HIV did not think they were at risk of contracting it.

"I gave money to local AIDS charities and felt I was pretty up on the whole thing," said T.J. Sullivan, a 30-year-old AIDS Educator from Denver, Colo. "As far as I was concerned it was something that happened to people in the much bigger cities like Chicago, Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco."

Joel Goldman was the first person Sullivan met when he arrived at his college in Indiana, as part of the college's "peppy welcoming committee." Goldman was a senior who became friends with Sullivan and kept in contact with him throughout college. Goldman invited him to parties, and checked up on his friend to make sure he was going through college smoothly. Goldman graduated and the two kept in contact for the next 10 years.

One Friday afternoon, Sullivan received a phone call from Goldman. This was to be the first time Sullivan would find that someone he knew had contracted HIV. Sullivan was at a loss for words through this phone call and could not respond supportively. He avoided Goldman's calls for a few days thereafter, unsure of what to say and how to react.

"If that was how I handled it," Sullivan said, "can you even imagine what it must have been like at the other end of my phone? Can you imagine what it must have been like, having to pick up that phone again and again and again, having to call friends, family members, co-workers, not exactly sure how they're going to respond to what you have to tell them?"

"Making those calls," recalls Goldman, "was one of the toughest things I ever had to do in my life. And that's why I decided I would get up and tell my story to people who came from backgrounds similar to mine."

Goldman came from an upper-middle class community in the Midwest, where 98 percent of high school graduating class went on to a college. His family environment was that of well-educated professionals. Both parents held doctorates, his father, a rabbi and his mother was a schoolteacher.

"We had the type of family environment where they were free to discuss anything like peer pressure, sex, alcohol, or drugs, openly with the family," Goldman

said. "I feel lucky now because less than 20 percent of teenagers today are educated about sex in their homes."

Goldman was a responsible student in college as far as education was concerned. He was involved in campus activities, knew all the administrators, attended classes regularly. But when the weekends came, Goldman felt college was a place to "learn how to use alcohol."

"The stupidest thing I ever did," Goldman said, "was learning to mix sex and alcohol. For me, alcohol was the best ice-breaker when I was in that social environment. I became a little less inhibited."

What Goldman found was that after those few drinks at a party, people make mistakes. He looked at people at a party and presumed they did not look like they had

had received a negative result to the test for HIV. He found it improbable that he would have contracted it in the last four years, especially because he had been practicing safer sex recently.

The doctor explained to Goldman that there is what he refers to as a "window period" for the virus. This period of time is when the virus becomes detectable in a blood test. But that time is anywhere from three weeks to six months, so one test may not be enough to detect whether someone is infected.

The HIV test is a blood test that screens for antibodies of the virus in a blood sample. If a person has the virus, the body's immune system will create antibodies to fight off the virus. Those antibodies are what allow a doctor to diagnose a patient with the virus.

Although there are a number of treatments approved by the Federal Drug Administration for the HIV virus, a cure has yet to be found. Devastated with the realization that he will die from this virus, Goldman made the decision that he had to do something with his life. Goldman teamed up with Sullivan six years ago and the two friends have been traveling all over the country, speaking to over half a million college students. Their goal is to educate them not only on how to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, but also to be more compassionate to those in their community who may be living with this deadly virus.

More than 30 million people in the world are living with HIV and AIDS today. One million of those people are living in the United States. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. HIV attacks the body's T-Cells, a part of the immune system.

Once the virus has progressed enough that it greatly reduces the number of T-cells, it becomes AIDS. Because the T-cells have

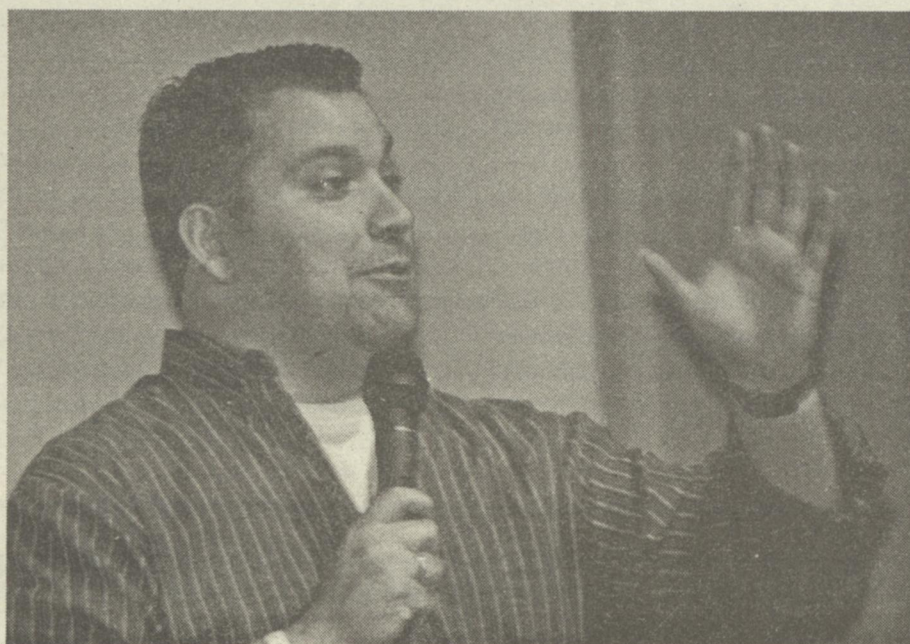
been killed by the virus, the immune system can no longer fight off viruses and illnesses. It leaves the person extremely sensitive to any sort of virus, and when diagnosed with AIDS, even the slightest virus can be deadly.

Abstinence is a safe way to protect yourself from any STD, especially when you're unsure of whom your partner has been with, or if you yourself think you might be infected with any virus. HIV tests are done at clinics and doctor's offices locally. For further anonymity, a home test can be purchased and the results are anonymously sent back to one's home.

"I thought their presentation was amazing," said freshman, Karen Bashour, "because it doesn't just make you feel depressed or sorry. It was totally eye-opening and very human."

"It's really a reality check because you know it's (HIV/AIDS) out there and people get it," said junior Martha Medina, "And you think 'what if it happens to me.'"

"Why am I here?" prompts Sullivan. "I want you to be better prepared for your phone call than I was for mine. Make sure you deal with this issue head-on. There isn't one life we can take for granted. We're all in this together."



Kristin Huffaker

I could happen to you: Surrounded by portions of the AIDS quilt, Joel Goldman spoke to USD students Monday night about the possibilities of contracting AIDS while in college.

any sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), much less HIV or AIDS. What he didn't know is that 50 percent of new cases of HIV that are diagnosed in the United States happen to people who are college-aged or younger.

Goldman knew he should have been practicing safe sex, but he fell into a thought pattern, usually when he had been drinking, where he rationalized that the people he was having sex with did not appear to be infected with any sort of STD. Eventually, he did make an effort to stay sober, at which time he noticed that he practiced safe sex when he had not been drinking.

As years passed, Goldman graduated from college and began his professional career. His work required a considerable amount of travel, and throughout the traveling, Goldman noticed he was becoming ill more and more often. Presuming his illnesses were due to fatigue from all the travel, Goldman lessened his hours of work and his health seemed to improve.

The recurring sicknesses later convinced Goldman to be examined by a physician. The symptoms Goldman had been experiencing (stomach problems, swollen glands, coughing, fever, diarrhea, fatigue) were those consistent with HIV, and he was asked to consent to a blood test.

Goldman had been tested four years prior to this and

You are not alone

RACHEL VALINE
Insight Editor

Listen up Seniors! It's about that time, and if any of you are as stressed as I am, I encourage you to read this article and see that you are not alone. It may not seem like it, but graduation is right around the corner. Many of you, like me, still do not have a clue as to what you want to do with your life, and even if you do, many of you still do not know how to go about doing it. Well, for those of you who are like me, very unsure, I've decided to help you. Hopefully I can use my own advice.

"I am finally a senior," was the first thing that came to my head when I stepped onto campus this fall. Little did I know that being a senior wasn't as easy as I thought. I figured it was time to relax, take a small class load and have fun with my friends for the short time that was left. I didn't think that I would be full of anxiety as each day passed. Instead of thinking, "I am finally a senior," I am thinking, "What do I do now." I also find myself worrying if I am in the right major, or if it is too late to change what I want to do for the rest of my life. And then, there is this whole "Senior-itis" thing happening to me. I am sure that it is also happening to many of you as well. Here is the scenario: you know you have a million things to do in order to find a job, but the only thing you want to do is hang out and do nothing. The easiest excuse is that you don't know how to do it all, or that you will just wait until you get something in the mail. I can assure you, that you will not get anything. I didn't.

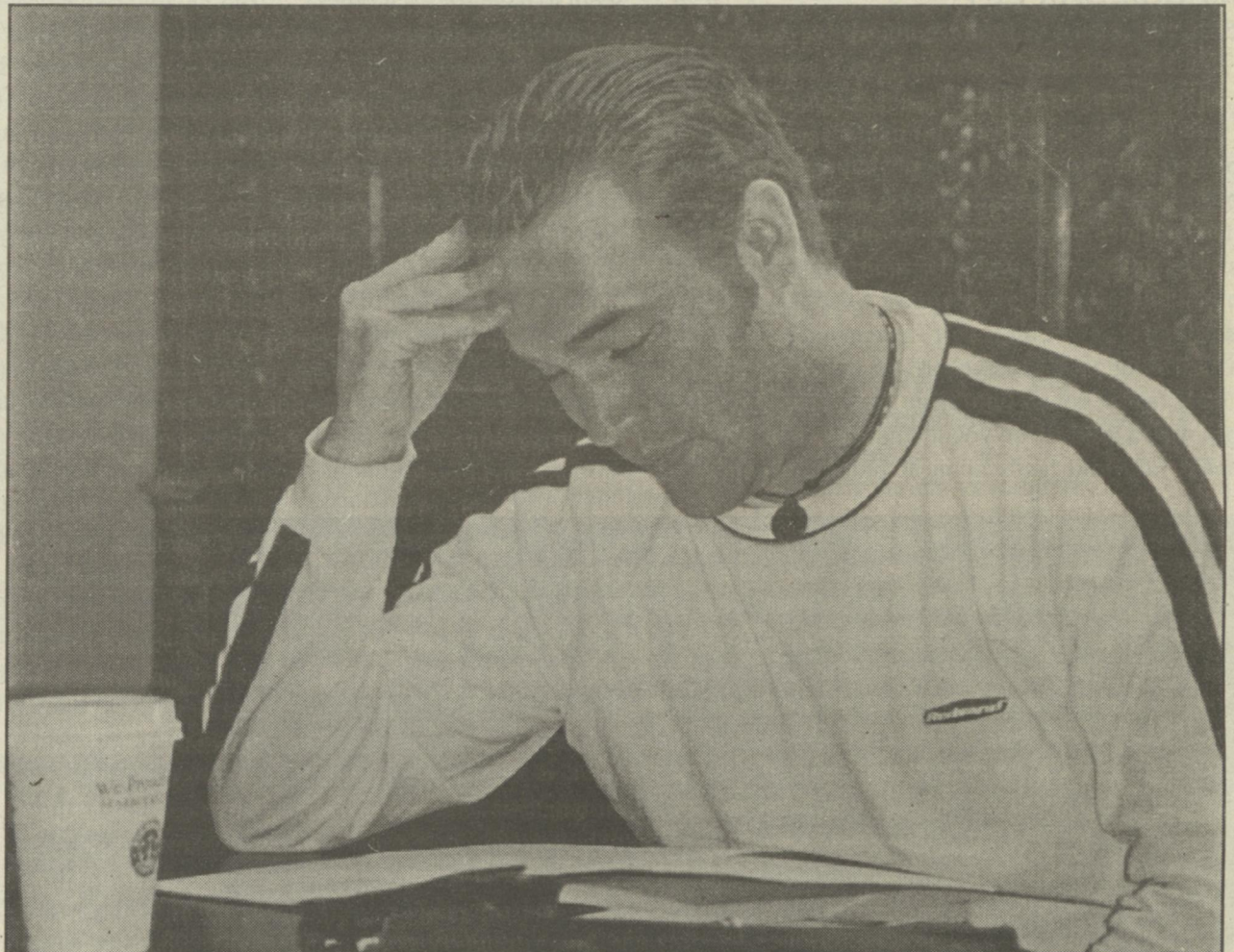
I only wish I could wait around and have something come to me, but I know that nothing will happen, unless I do something about it. Here are a few helpful hints on getting started (if you haven't already done that).

- Talk to your advisor and have him/her point you in the right direction
- Go to Career Services and pick up as many pamphlets as you can
- Last but not least, do not wait to do either of these things.

I also found a few important dates that are coming up that you might need to know.

- On-Campus interviews start Feb. 24, 1999
- Resume Writing Workshops are held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Maher 186
- Interviewing Workshops are held every Thursday at 1p.m. in Maher 186

If you haven't submitted your resume into Career Services for the first phase of the interviews, make sure not to miss the deadline for the second phase. March 1, 1999 is the last day to turn your resumes into Career Services for the second phase of interviews. This is for all majors. Local and nationwide



Kristin Huffaker

The end is nearing: With graduation just around the corner, seniors must remember that organization is the only way to make it through these tough times. Above, Sean O'Callaghan prepares for a successful end to four hard years.

organizations will be on campus and ready to interview, but you have to follow a couple of steps:

- Register with Career Services
- Select employment opportunities
- Attend professional workshops (I already told you about two of them)
- Submit resumes
- Sign up for interviews

If you do not know where Career Services is, it is located on the first floor of Hughes Administration in Room 110, extension 4654. Now you have no excuses.

Please take me serious when I say do not wait. This is your future we are talking about. Once again, you are not alone. I interviewed a couple of seniors and asked them two questions about their thoughts on graduating. I asked Kelly vonBoetticher what her biggest concerns were about graduating. "My biggest concerns are basically finding a job and going through the whole interview process." I asked that same question to Chris Purcell and he said, "My biggest concern is choosing a field of work that I think I will like, that I might end up hating." The third senior I asked this same question to, Jaime Krupnick, said, "It is so hard to start looking for a place to live when I am still unsure where my future will take me."

I also asked these same three seniors about the whole "Senior-itis" issue. I asked them if it is hard to focus

on school and school work when graduation is right around the corner. Kelly vonBoetticher said, "No because I'd rather focus on college life than real life after graduation. I just want to have fun with my friends for the limited time I have left. I don't have a problem focusing on my studies." Chris Purcell agrees and says, "I have a pretty easy schedule so I don't think slacking off will be a problem." On the other hand, when I asked Jaime Krupnick that same question, she said, "Definitely, because there are so many other things going on at the same time, especially trying to start my career."

I hope that I have been of some help to you; I'm sure you can relate to other seniors as well. I know how you all feel, and I wish that someone could have done this for me. I cannot stress the importance of getting started with this if you haven't already. There are so many wonderful opportunities out there, but you have to look for them. Career Services will be the answer to all of your questions. There is always someone there to help you answer any questions you might have about anything. They have a million pamphlets in there that can get you started. Don't miss the job fair coming up on April 8, 1999. It starts around 10 a.m. and goes up until around 2:30 p.m. It is a great opportunity to get some contacts and practice your people skills. Be there!

Society & Culture

USD's Social Environment on Campus: School Spirit?

MAGGIESHIPLEY
Society & Culture Editor

During my first semester at USD, I cried, I complained, I whined. I didn't laugh or roll with the punches. In fact, I wondered if I hadn't made a big mistake in choosing to come to USD. As a transfer student, I had several options in which university I chose to attend. But the big draw to USD was its academic reputation, and what I perceived to be the advantages of an expensive, private university.

Let's face it, not every college student attends a campus with a tram to run you up the hill, or a plush Garden of Eden-like landscaping architecture. In the back

seem to have for each other?

Let's start with what I call the "Hi" thing. Have you ever said "Hi" to someone on campus, only to be ignored? I found this to be a fairly common campus-wide experience. I know it's happened to me, and it made me feel a bit "shut out," and for awhile, I became like everyone else — apprehensive about being friendly out of fear of being ignored. I asked USD junior Sheila Argosino what she thought about campus "snubbings." "I think it's out of fear of leaving their group that people don't interact with other groups — the minorities, the sororities, fraternities, all the groups," Argosino said. "I think that they're just scared to talk to other people. They don't know how to. They only know how to talk to their own kind, because it's safer, it's their shelter.

People judge each other on what they look like and they assume that they're not going to have anything in common with them because they don't dress the same — they think they won't have the same ideas as other people because of the way that others look. Like their hairstyles, their looks, the cars they drive."

Then I asked Argosino if she's ever had the experience of saying "Hi"

to someone and getting no response. "Oh, all the time. I take my chances," she said. "You'll walk by someone, and you want to say 'Hi' but they look away to avoid eye contact. And they're usually people you already know, or you've been in a class with them — and they ignore you."

Amy Logan, USD senior and member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority said, "I think that a lot of students close themselves off from other people, especially when they get involved in other organizations, and it makes the atmosphere on campus more cold — with different cliques everywhere. It helps to be in a sorority because it helps you to get more involved. I met a lot of people through it that I wouldn't have met if I hadn't gone through rush. But there's totally a negative stereotype and it's hard to get away from that because there might be a negative stereotype about the entire group, but you, personally, might not be that way. I transferred here in

my sophomore year and it's really hard coming in after your freshman year as a transfer student because everyone already has their friends and you feel so alone. I joined because I didn't know anyone, so I met people from all the sororities and a lot of different organizations."

After talking to many students on campus, I became aware that most of them have had the same experience: arriving at USD and finding themselves without people to see and places to go. I found that most people learned to adapt by finding their own way. They made an effort to make friends and form their own small groups. Unfortunately, the fact that there's so many small groups seems to foster the cliquish atmosphere.

Patricia Fimvres, a USD sophomore, says she attributes the campus atmosphere to "class and race differences." "People just don't take the time to get to know each other," she said.

Alfonso Hernandez, a junior, agrees. "When I first got here, I wanted to transfer. But then I thought, 'Why should I leave?' I decided to stay and try to make it a better place for me," Hernandez said.

Both Fimvres and Hernandez said that hanging out at the United Front office provides comfort. "We're usually the only Hispanic people in the classroom. It can make you feel uncomfortable and insecure because you're afraid you'll say something people won't like. And sometimes even the teachers don't understand where you're coming from," Hernandez said.

I talked to alumna Gina Ceccotti, who said "freshman year was a struggle. I never got involved in organizations. In looking back, I think I would have been happier and would have had more positive feelings about my interaction with other students if I had made more of an effort to get involved. School went by so fast, and I asked myself, 'What did I really do here?' I made some solid and wonderful relationships with professors, but as far as what I did to address student life, I was just never 'there.' In reality, I think I just took up space here. It's a tough place socially — there's a lot of pressure to fit in."

Like many other institutions and organizations, it's what you make of the experience that becomes important. I've learned a great deal from USD so far, and some of the really important things have had nothing to do with academics. There's no course titled, "Social Skills 101," although it's a very important skill to know how best to interact with others.

"There's a lot of really exceptional students here, who, if you look a little bit closer, you might find that you admire, respect, and even trust. They just don't stand out because they're not flashy," Ceccotti said.

They're are many nice people at USD, but all of us seem to conform to some extent to the existing norm of "keep to yourself." I've found that people really open up if you give them the chance. So, the motto of the day is, "Just Say Hi." If you get ignored, so what? You've lost nothing, and you've done your part to help foster a friendlier campus environment.



Michael Miller

Adapt: Many students on campus have the same experience. They arrive at USD and find themselves without people to see and places to go. Most people learn to adapt by finding their own way. They made an effort to make friends and form their own small groups. Unfortunately, the fact that there's so many small groups seems to foster the cliquish atmosphere.

of my mind, I pictured needing a cab to get from my car to the campus at a huge state university, classes taught by video or assistant teachers and long lines at administrative desks. These images clinched the deal for me. What I didn't count on, however, was the cultural climate of a smaller school. Or rather, I should say the student environment both in and out of the classroom.

A distinction here needs to be made about students' opinions of USD as it relates to the faculty, and every other experience at USD. In talking to various students around campus, there does seem to be wide agreement that the faculty is fabulous, but the way that students treat each other is another matter entirely.

"Warm and fuzzy" is not a phrase I've heard which describes the feeling one gets around campus. So, the question is, to what can we attribute this rather distant and seemingly unfriendly attitude that students

AS this Week

Feel the Fever...

Break out your bell-bottoms because it is Thursday Night Fever at the Men's Basketball game vs. Santa Clara tonight at 7 p.m.

SCOTT BERGEN

Special to the VISTA

AS Athletics and the Athletic Department are hosting their final Basketball Madness event at tonight's men's game against Santa Clara. After the game, all students who are of age are invited to the Beachcomber for a Victory Party. The theme for this game is Thursday Night Fever, so get out your butterfly collars and bell-bottoms. The game is at 7 p.m. in the Sportcenter gym on campus. The purpose of the event is to raise spirit and participation in support of our USD Athletics, this time specifically men's basketball.

Previous Basketball Madness themes included Pajama Night, Toga Night and an impromptu "Drag Night" last Thursday as the women's team came from behind to defeat Portland in overtime. So

far the Basketball madness nights have helped to bring in the biggest crowds of the year and the men's and women's teams are undefeated with the support of these larger crowds. That includes the men's upset of #25 Gonzaga two weeks ago by 16 on Toga night.

"The game versus Gonzaga was crazy! I have never seen such energetic crowds and such awesome playing in my four years here at USD. I am so glad I went to the game!" said senior Kristen Bell.

The men's team is currently 16-8 and 7-5 in conference play. Each team has two games remaining before the WCC Tournament which will be held in Santa Clara next weekend. USD has won four of its last five. Santa Clara comes in to town with a five game winning streak (Four of the five against teams worse than .400). The Broncos are 12-12 and 8-4 in conference. In their last face-off, SCU

crushed USD and held them to their lowest point total all season, 56-43.

In USD's last two home games, they have an average margin of victory of 21 points including the shocker over Gonzaga. Saturday night is the final men's game of the season and USD plays the lowly San Francisco (8-16; 2-8). The game will be at 7 p.m. at the Sportcenter. AS Athletics and the Athletic Department will host a free Domino's tailgate for all USD students as we say goodbye to our seniors at their final home game.

Bring your friends, your professors, your parents, your pets, your barber... We need to sell out these games and keep our boys fired up going into the tourney next weekend. As it stands they are likely to face rival LMU in the first round and perennial powerhouse Gonzaga in the second.

Lecturer, Comedian and Entertainer of the Year speaks in Shiley tonight

Dr. Bertice Berry, the Black History Month keynote speaker, is tonight in Shiley at 7 p.m.

NICOLE NUNES

Special to the VISTA

In honor of Black History Month, Associated Student and Black Student Union are bringing keynote speaker, Dr. Bertice Berry, to Shiley theater tonight at 7 p.m. The event is ticketed; however, free tickets are available in the University box office with a student ID.

Berry is an award-winning lecturer, stand-up comedian, doctor of sociology and former host of USA LIVE. She became one of the most sought-after lectures on the college circuit, earning accolades as 1992 "Lecturer of the Year" 1991 and 1992 "Campus Comedian of the Year," and 1992 "Campus Entertainer of the Year" by the National Association of Campus Activities.

Making people laugh was not on Berry's original agenda. In fact, growing up poor in Wilmington, Delaware, the sixth of seven children, Berry wanted to be a teacher, social worker, or nurse. She graduated from Jacksonville University in Florida magna cum laude and was

awarded the President's Cup. Berry entered the Masters Program at Kent State, Ohio, in 1982. Taking eighteen hours of classes, she finished all her course work in one year, maintaining a 4.0. From there, she went into the doctoral program and began teaching part-time. She quickly became one of the most popular instructors on campus by using humor as a tool for learning. In 1988, Berry received her Ph.D. in sociology and went on the road full-time, but convincing booking agents and producers that someone with a Ph.D. could be funny was a challenge. She succeeded brilliantly.

Berry was host and co-executive producer of her own nationally syndicated talk show, The Bertice Berry Show. The experiences and insights gained from her life encouraged her to write the inspirational and motivational book, *Bertice: The World According to Me* (Scribner, 1996). Additionally her work will be included in the anthology *33 Things Every Girl Should Know* (Crown).

This Week

Today, Feb. 18

Black History Month Keynote Speaker, Dr. Bertice Berry in Shiley at 7 p.m.

Disco Night at Men's Basketball vs. Santa Clara at 7p.m.

Senior Happy Hour

Friday, Feb. 19

Men's Baseball vs. Arizona at 2 p.m.

Women's Softball vs. Cal Baptist at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Swimming & Diving at UCSD Invitational

Men's Tennis vs. Loyola Marymount at 12:30 p.m.

Men's Baseball vs. Oregon State at 1 p.m.

Domino's Tailgate - Men's Basketball vs. USF at 7p.m.

Odissi: Classical Dance of India - the Patnaik sisters in Shiley at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Women's Tennis vs. U of Washington at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

ASA Viet/Chinese New Year Noon

Brown Bag Series in United Front at 1 p.m.

Film Forum: "Enemy of the State" at 8:30 p.m. in the UC Forum

Aromas Concert Series at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Black History Month Lecture - Prof. Jeanette Roberts

"Comparison of the Writings of W.E.B. DuBois & Booker T. Washington" in UC103 at 6:30.

Film Forum: "Enemy of the State" at 8 p.m. in the UC Forum.

Meet the President's

Luncheon on Thursday, Feb.

25 at 12:30 p.m. in the UC Forum B. Space is limited to the first 40 people to sign up in UC113.

MTV performers come to USD

JENN FULLERTON

Special to the VISTA

From the 1998 MTV Video Awards to the Immaculata, these three sisters have seen it all. On Saturday, Feb. 20 in Shiley Theater at 8 p.m., the Patnaik sisters will perform their more traditional repertoire of Odissi, the classical, lyrical, and beautifully costumed dance from northeast India. This performance is accompanied by a live orchestra of traditional Indian musicians.

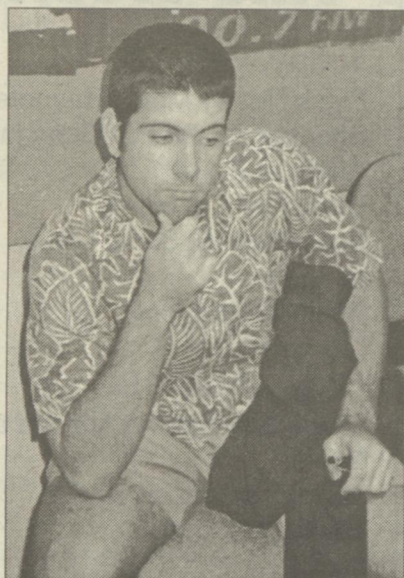
The sisters - Laboni, 20; Shibani, 17; and Shalini, 16 - have been training since they were five years old. They performed at the MTV Video Music Awards with Madonna, Ravi Shankar and George Harrison, as well as universities and dance festival throughout the U.S. Recently, these sisters performed in the Immaculata at the All Faith Service.

For the general public tickets are \$12, faculty/staff are \$5, USD students are free. Tickets are available at the door and are open seating.

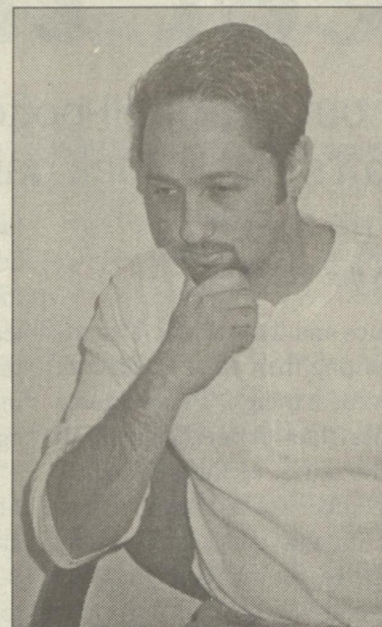
Skip

vs.

Chachi



The
Definitive
Interview!



STIRLING "SKIP" PERRY
Leisurepimp Editor

Last Monday I and some associates of mine (Tyler, Brad, Adam) had the unique opportunity to interview Chachi (David Denes), local radio talent as well as USD student. We discussed Donald Duck, sex and Richard Nixon with one of USD's biggest celebrities while seeing the inner workings of KFMB radio and TV.

How did you get the name Chachi?

When you go into radio, there is a persona they want you to fill... 'this is how we want your attitude to be.' When I used to live in Hemitt, I knew this guy named Chachi and he was the type of guy whose always committing party fouls. The name eventually stuck with me... and obviously there's the *Happy Days*... they like that because a lot of our listeners grew up with the *Happy Days*... we appeal partially to the 30-year-old female.

What year are you and what is your major here at USD?

Communications... and I just became a senior, but I'll be here for the rest of my life. I like school... I like school a lot.

What is your official job description?

Well, I'm the producer and air talent for the afternoon show with Jagger and Christie.

Is it hard being on the lowest level of the DJ feed-

ing chain?

Yes and no. The way that radio works is that most people spend their life trying to get to a market this size. This market is rated number 15... and it goes all the way to 300. So a lot of times people spend time in South Dakota like the New Guy or small parts of Texas like Jagger did. You work your entire life trying to get to a market this size. So, though I am the lowest on the feeding chain here, I'm still very fortunate on the grand scheme of things. It's kinda neat cause I work at the 'Station of the Year'... we've won 17 major awards [I whistle in astonishment] this year, which is more than

Synonymous.

Synonymous.

Adam: Yeah he got it.

[A round of hearty guffaws]

Skip: No, no, no... it's synonymous.

Adam: That's what he said,

Skip: He didn't say that.

[Another round of hearty guffaws]

Adam's from Oregon, he doesn't know what he's talking about.

We [Chachi and the New Guy] ended-up becoming kind of friendly back when I first moved here in the summer of '96. We started hanging out and he had a producer at the time... I started hanging out with her too... I was actually hitting on her. Me and Michael party every once in a while and around January 97 the chemistry between he and his producer just wasn't working out. So I'm like, 'Hey that'd be kinda cool' so I kinda jumped on it. I went in and interviewed but I had no chance because I had no experience whatsoever. So they hired someone else and the chemistry with that person didn't work. I interviewed again and this cycle went on about four times. Finally, the general manager took a chance on me and I was hired on for that summer just as a part-time thing. And I got hired on full-time in September.

What has been your most unique experience on the radio?

A lot of unique things...I just meet very interesting people, all sorts, which is very cool. I get to meet people like Sugar Ray and Fastball... I got to take a leak next to this guy. Their CD had just been released and it wasn't even a hit yet. They had just come to the station— all the artists come through here. I usually have to take them to the bathroom 'cause I'm low on the food chain. So I'm there taking a wizz with Fastball



Stirling Perry

Hangin' with the homies: Chachi, Jagger and The New Guy shoot the bull during a break

any other station in the country. So we're rated the best station in the country. This is a station in its heyday and it's a very kick-back job. I get paid very well and I have a great time doing it. It's very relaxed. We're playing video games, swearing a lot, having a good time. **For a person still in college, this is a very high-profile gig. How did it all come together?**

I was very fortunate. I met Michael, the New Guy. Michael and the New Guy are synonymous... synonymous.

and they're just the nicest guys. I have a huge autograph collection. Another really cool experience was when we had our Jingle Ball... I got to stand-up in front of 14,000 people [yet again I whistle in astonishment] over at Cox Arena... you can't see anybody, it's just this light. Hey Randy! Did Randy Jones just go by?

Brad: Yeah.

Come over here Randy! You guys got to meet this guy. Will you come over here and quit smoking that cigar!

Skip: It's illegal to smoke indoors in the state of California.

You get to deal with real cool people. You know Randy, he's a Cy Young award winner for the Padres. The guy's got his number retired... one of two people. [I whistle in astonishment yet again] You know, you see cool people like that all the time.

Do you think that you have made a positive impact in the world?

I hope so. I don't think I have impacted the world greatly but I have a good time, a lot of people laugh. Are your parents proud of you?

Yeah, my parents are really cool.

They're very supportive of whatever I do. I think I could wake up and tell my parents that I've... I don't know...

Adam: Become a male stripper



percent of the time, no one is gonna take the time to call you. Who was the president that said, "Listen to the silence," or, "the majority of the silence?"

That was Nixon.

Was it Nixon?

Yeah, "I represent the silent majority."

Yeah, I represent the silent majority. Most people are going to tune in for a very short period of time, probable just when they're in the car. Most people are working nine to five jobs in a little cubicle. They're not allowed to listen to music.

Working stiff.

What do you guys listen to?

Mostly CDs... Pink Floyd, Violent Femmes; you know, real music. None of this Pop crap.

You're an entertainment reporter and you hate the Pop?

I hate Pop.

We receive literally about fifty CDs a day. We're lucky if maybe we'll play one new song a week, and that's if you're very lucky. Something like 91X has a little more diversity and are able to play songs that they can take a bigger chance on because of their listeners. Our listeners aren't very forgiving. They wanna hear what they wanna hear.

Have you ever answered "Hi Star" when you pick up the phone at home, accidentally?

Yeah, I did. I did it a couple times, especially like "Bye Star."

My lovely assistant Brad is going to show you some pictures, tell me the first thing you think:

A) That looks like a dog with a cleff note hanging out... not a cleff note but a quarter note. A hungry dog... but I'm hungry. Maybe a rhinoceros... not a rhino... a hippo, that's what it is. It looks like a hippo and it has a jacked-up tail. And it's got a musical note coming off the top of its head.

B) That looks like a double-sided... male organ. [another round of guffaws] It kinda looks like this wacked-out guy... definately a guy and there's a tulip... with flowers coming off of his head. And it's got this very phallic-looking symbol coming off one of his ears. And it's maybe watering the tulip.

C) Ooh, that looks, uh, almost like a Holy symbol with the number one. And sex has something to do with it [more guffaws]. Actually that's probably a sex puddle of some sort.

Who's your favorite cartoon character and

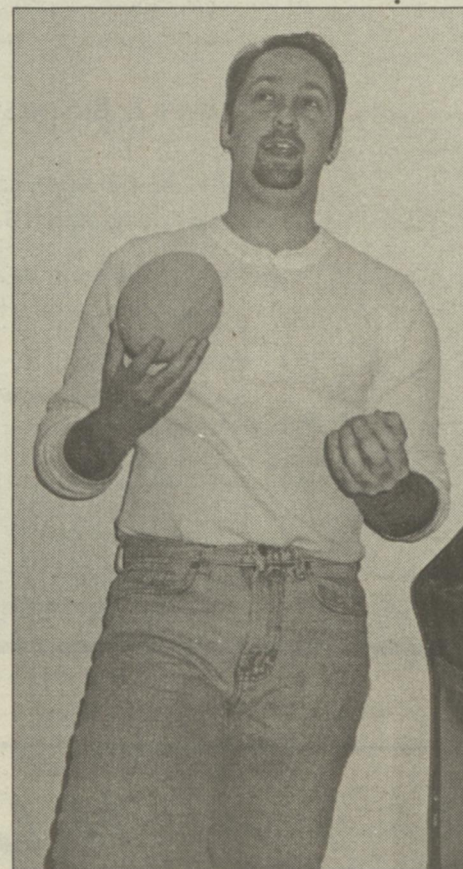
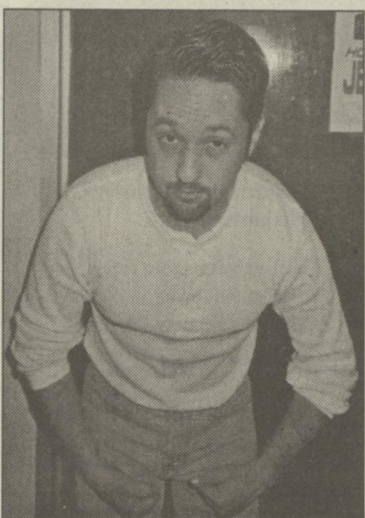
why?

I love cartoons! Umm... you know who's the man? I've always liked Mighty Mouse. George of the Jungle... Plastic Man and Baby Plas... I don't why but I really liked Baby Plas. You know who I can't stand is Donald Duck. Now Huey, Duey and Louie I liked but Donald Duck was a putz.

But Huey, Duey and Louie had no respect for any kind of authority or elders...

Tyler: Sound like someone we know... Skip!

That's true, they're always getting their ass in a bunch of trouble.



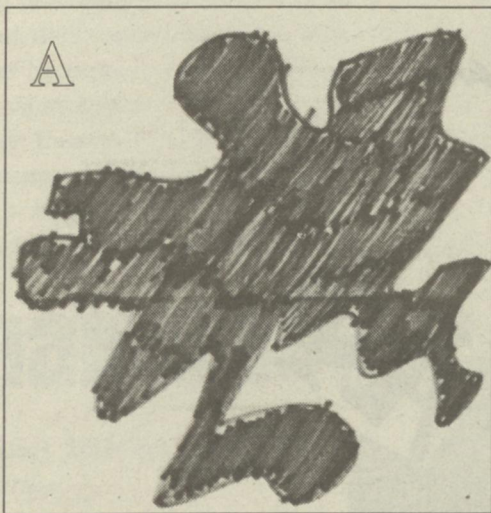
Skip: You're tellin' me.

Adam: I've got a question for you: What do you think of Howard Stern?

Howard's brilliant. He was able to put together a niche that radio was lacking and was able to turn something very, very successful into it.

Skip: If you and all the Star 100.7 DJs were on a plane that crashed in the Andes, who would be eaten first?

The New Guy. He's the fattiest. All those twinkies go a long way.



Yeah! Become a male stripper. They're very supportive. [Randy Jones enters the room] Randy, this is the VISTA staff, man. This is Randy Jones, Cy Young winner. They're interviewing me for the paper.

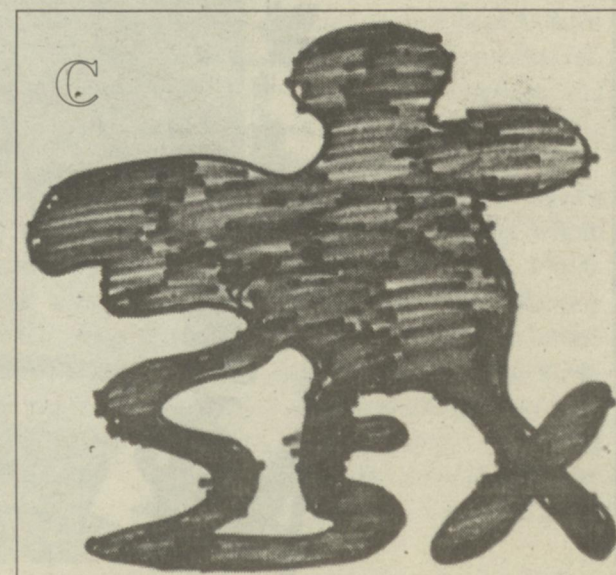
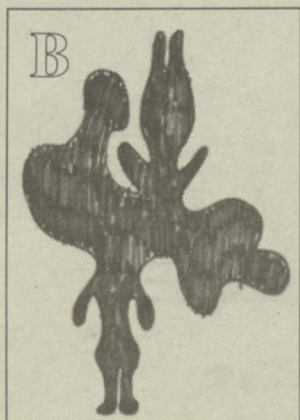
Randy: Oh st. [Jones leaves]**

Skip: Do a lot of people recognize your voice from hearing you on the Radio?


Umm... not a ton. About, maybe, once or twice a week you'll be somewhere... a lot of little kids. I got a real distinct laugh; usually it's because of my laugh.

Do you guys ever get complaints about repeating the same songs 40 times in any given day?

Yeah, you do, you do get some complaints. But the funny thing about radio is that you'll only hear from maybe one-percent of your audience. The other 9



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Shakespeare in Love

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Sports Editor

"Shakespeare in Love" (R), directed by John Madden, is full of moments and performances to savor. It transports us to a different place and time with cinematography similar to the blockbuster "Titanic".

The movie starts slowly (the first half hour tends to drag), but once it gets going it is engaging, witty and romantic. This movie is vastly more romantic than the recent so-called "romantic comedies" like "You've Got Mail" and "Blast From The Past."

The plot revolves around Will Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes), a promising young actor and playwright who has a nasty case of writer's block. He's working on a comedy called "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter." What he thinks he needs is a muse — someone to inspire him and drive his work.

Viola de Lesseps (Gwyneth Paltrow) is a young woman of stature who dreams of being on stage. However, in a time when women were not allowed

to act, Viola has to pursue her ambitions in a most unusual way — by pretending to be a man.

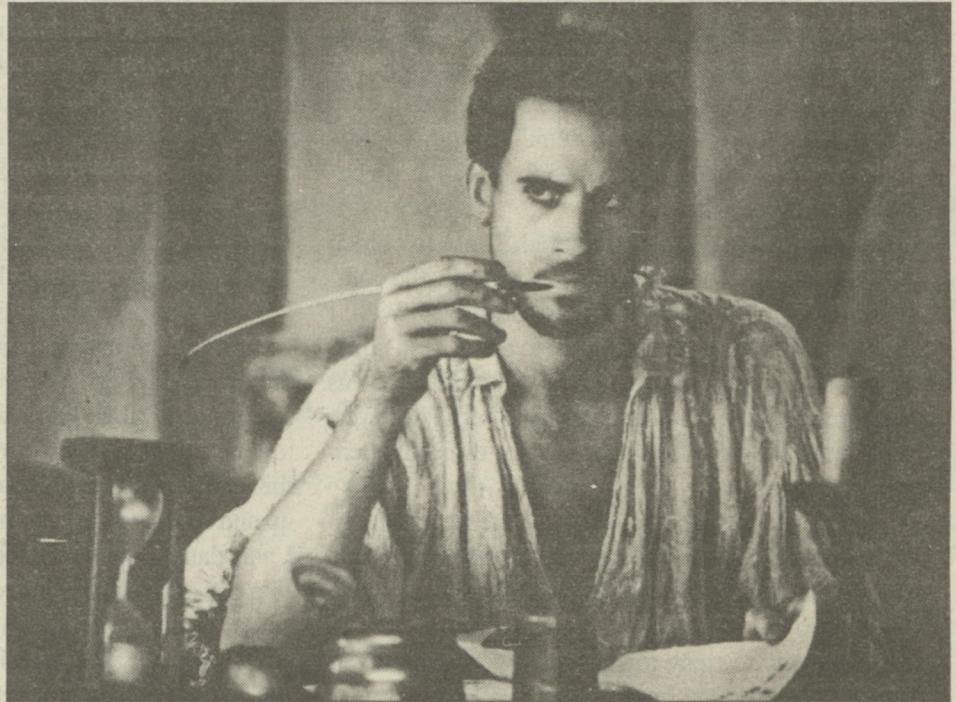
As to be expected, a romance between the playwright and the ambitious actress sparks. But it can't be that easy. The love story spins when Lord Wessex (Colin Firth) buys Viola's hand in marriage.

"Shakespeare in Love" is full of common elements found in Shakespeare's work — mistaken identities, misunderstood motives, impossible romances — it's all here in an energetic, passionate, comedic mix of twists and turns.

Shakespeare and Viola's romance deliberately reflects that of Romeo and Juliet. Numerous references to Shakespeare's plays such as *Two Gentlemen Of Verona*, *Hamlet*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Tempest* and *Titus Andronicus* make their way into this film.

The performances are all outstanding, and singling any out almost feels unfair to the others. But Fiennes and Paltrow were both radiant. Rupert Everett, Geoffrey Rush and Judi Dench were wonderful. In addition, Ben Affleck is dead on perfect as an actor with a huge ego.

However, the beauty of this film prob-



Writer's Block: Young genius ponders his play and his new love.

Miramax

ably won't be appreciated, except by those who have a love for Shakespeare. Unfortunately, "Shakespeare in Love" won't see the profit or acclaim of "Titanic."

Because people who didn't understand Shakespeare, when they were first introduced to his works in highschool, will

not go see it.

Their loss.

The film is showing at Pacific Theatres and Edwards Cinemas, neither of which offer student discounts. Even though the movie is worth the seven dollars, you might want to catch the matinee to save a few dollars.

Snakefarm crashes and burns

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Snakefarm's debut album "Songs From My Funeral" was created by the husband-and-wife duo Anna Domino and Michel Delory. Domino is an American singer/guitarist and Delory is a Belgian guitarist/programmer. These two created a folk album by reinventing such traditional folk tunes as "John Henry," "House of The Rising Sun," "Black Girl" and "Frankie and Johnny." You may think that you know what you are getting into because you have heard these songs before, but Snakefarm has managed to alter these tunes for the worse.

Even though Snakefarm has managed to make this folk music a little more new age, I still was not impressed. I attempted to listen to the CD while stuck in traffic last week and I ended up in a worse mood than I started with. I could not bring myself to listen to the whole album. I am not sure if it was the title of the album or when the lead singer started singing about

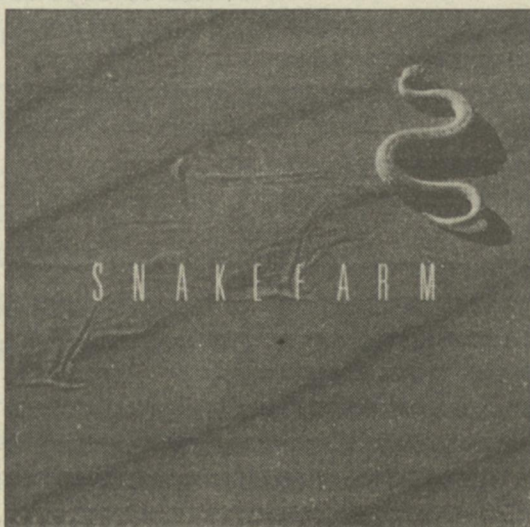
wheelbarrows.

The various instruments used throughout the album did not sound good together. The artists have added a little funk and trip-hop to the traditional folk sounds but that only corrupted the songs. It made it sound like each song was thrown together in a matter of minutes. And when I heard the accordion in the

background, I knew I was in for a long 30 minutes. This music was definitely not my type.

I also found the lyrics of this CD difficult to relate to. There was constant references to trains, the country and horses... not that there is anything wrong with such things.

However they are trying to target a metropolitan audience among whom few have ever ridden on a train. I think that the type of person who will enjoy this CD will have to be able to understand the lingo of a down-home, country resident in order to comprehend what Domino is singing about. If you are brave and willing to sit through 30 minutes of torture, then go ahead and check this album out.



OFFBEAT

I'm tacky, and I'm proud

MARGIE PIERCE

Offbeat Editor

This weekend as I headed up the stairs to my dorm, books in tow, I was trying to decide whether to read "Brave New World" or "Black Boy" first (which is like choosing whether to be boiled before or after you've been shot in the head). As I pondered my dilemma, my friend came bounding down the stairs dressed in black pants (surprise, surprise) and asked if I wanted to go to a party. I stared down at my dirty sandals, jeans, clashing blue t-shirt and fuchsia jacket and thought, "Carpe Diem." Roughly translated into college terms this means, "Grab a cup before the keg runs dry."

The night started out well enough. I got to crunch into the back of a new VW bug. You know the commercials, "hug it, drive it, hug it, drive it." Well, I knew I would never get a chance to drive it, so while everyone else was singing along to the music, I was bonding with the leather seats. Two parties and one beer later, the car was the only cool thing happening that night.

Four girls walk into a party, three dressed fashionably (meaning exactly like everyone else there,) and then there's me. Me, in my bright fuchsia jacket. Right away everyone else found cups and were well on their way to tipsy town. I was somehow overlooked, so after making my presence known I went on a quest for something to drink. Now as far as I know, the whole point of alcohol is to get people to loosen up, so wouldn't it make sense to make it more accessible? I had to squeeze through a hallway,

packed wall-to-wall with people until I found someone who would tell me where the keg was. Of course, it had to be on the OTHER end of the hall, so I pushed my way back down the hall to the keg. Halfway there, pressed between a jock and some couple "getting jiggy with it" I found out that all the cups were in the kitchen down the hall, which naturally meant I had to fight my way back through the masses of smelly, sweaty people. Thinking I'd been in mosh pits that were more comfortable, I climbed onto the counter and floated my way to the keg. An eternity later I was standing on the right end of the hallway, cup in hand when a dreaded bellow filled the night—"KEG'S DRY!"

Well, I thought, at least I can still socialize. Figuring I would hang out with the group I had arrived with, I went over, said hi and introduced myself to the guys they were talking to. It was the first and only time I got eye contact. However, I'm independent, so I attempted to strike up conversation and failed miserably. Being the attention craving person that I am, I started jumping up and down waving my arms, but everyone just thought I was dancing and refused to acknowledge me. It was like one of those movies where someone dies and comes back as a ghost, but no one can see them. Seeing as how I was wearing a BRIGHT, FUSCHIA sweatshirt, I was not an easy person to miss. Standing alone in this ocean of people, "Brave New World" and being boiled alive were starting to look appealing.

This is the part in the movie where the girls get teary-eyed and begin to empathize with the story's heroine,

but put your tissues away, because I still haven't made my point. Later that night, as I lay on the floor chatting with my friends and roommate about my experiences. I found myself forgetting about all the time I spent fidgeting with my shirt, and instead told them the good things. There was the nice couple I talked with, the guy I had class with ages ago who still remembered my name and the really friendly guy with the huge smile on his face. Ha, ha, bet you think you know where this is headed. You think that I'm masochistic and would do it all again, just to see those smiling faces.

Okay, so that's sort of true, but that's still not my point. While I was talking I was reminded of a line from one of my favorite flicks, "The Commitments." This isn't an exact quote, but it goes something like this: "The Irish are the Blacks of Europe, the Dubliners are the Blacks of Ireland, the East Dubliners are the Blacks of Dublin. So say it with me now, I'm black and I'm proud." Now imagine it spoken in a really cool Irish accent by a greasy haired white guy. So it's like this: the unfashionable are the blacks of USD, and I'm one of the least fashionable of all. Yes, I'm tacky and I'm proud. Of course, it sounds better when the guy in the movie says it.

So this week I'd like to leave you with this one thought: it's the unfashionable who make you look good, so when you see me Saturday night in my fuchsia jacket, it's okay to talk to me. I promise, I won't tell your friends.

Weighting in vein

DANNY PEYKOFF

Special to Offbeat

Imagine that your parents paid a ridiculous amount of money to send you to school, and one day after class you decided that it would be a great time to go and work out. You arrived at the smelly, pathetic excuse for a workout facility and were told by some illiterate fool that you couldn't work out from 2-6 p.m.—which just happens to be the perfect time to workout (after classes but before nightlife). Upon returning to your Mercedes, you find you are being ticketed for parking in a space that has yellow lines.

Wouldn't that suck?!

Believe it or not, that is actually a common occurrence. As a matter of fact, it happened to me last week. Well, everything except for the Mercedes part. It was actually a Ferrari. I wouldn't be caught dead in a Mercedes, nor would my parents, who love me very much, allow such blasphemy.

Due to my frustrations, I went straight to the porn shop on Midway and...oh, whoops, wrong frustrations. Due to my weight room frustrations, I decided to go and check out 24 Hour Fitness Center and Bally's Total Fitness.

I first went to 24 Hour, but it was closed, so I went to Bally's instead. I walked in the door and was greeted by someone who looked like The Ultimate Warrior. We went to his office and got busy. NO! You know what I mean.

His answers to my questions were a bit typical and useless. For example, when I asked him what sets Bally's apart from the competition he said, "Customer service and a relaxed atmosphere." He actually wasn't kidding. They let me

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Chub & Chubby's

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How we celebrated Valentine's Day:

Chub: I picked up my beautiful girlfriend and presented her with forty-eight long stemmed red roses. I then took her to the end of Crystal Pier, where we enjoyed a candlelight dinner that I prepared from scratch. Afterwards we watched the sunset, arm in arm, as I gently whispered poetry into her soft, supple ear.

Chubby: I spent the evening alone, sitting naked in a large bowl of tapioca pudding, watching re-runs of Charles In Charge and constructing a 1:18 scale model of a traditional Navaho teepee out of my toenail clippings.

We sincerely hope that you all felt the same amount of love and romance on this, the most festive of holidays.

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service and a relaxed atmosphere." He actually wasn't kidding. They let me work out, and afterwards they threw a kegger for my pals and me.

I returned to 24 Hour, and this time they were open.

I hopped on the escalator that goes straight to the front desk. That was dope. I got off of the escalator, walked back downstairs and got right back on it again, and then a third time. I finally arrived at the front desk only to be dealt with rudely. You see, in order to avoid the butt-kissing that I get when people find out that I write for the world famous VISTA, I acted like a normal guy (which was very difficult because, as you can tell from the above, I'm not). I even lied about my name,

I said I was "Joe." Pretty slick, huh?

I said I was interested in joining, and that I ran here all the way from Kentucky to try 24 Hour Fitness out. He wouldn't let me, but he did make me an offer: "If you give me ten bucks I'll let you in." I dissed his mom and walked out.

After I went on the escalator a few times, I went back inside. This time, however, I told him that I was a reporter and wanted to interview a manager. That's when I slapped him. I talked to the manager, whose name was Jelly. He was giving me run-of-the-mill answers. So I laid the big one on him and asked, "What sets you guys apart from the competition?" and he said "We're open 24 hours," so I slapped him, as well. I then left and went on the escalator a few more times.

To be fair, I decided I needed to interview someone who goes to the USD weight room a lot. (Due to my already overpowering strength, I find weights to

be useless). I saw this dude, Jerry Anderson, walking out of the weight room with his arms around three different chicks, so I knew that this was my guy. He was pretty ripped, so I assumed he worked out a lot. He said that he doesn't mind the nastiness of the facility because it's free. He did have one complaint though: "Sometimes when I'm doing sit-ups people walk by in their shorts and I can see their [expletive] balls." Awesome!

To make it easier for people, I will break down all this and compare the three facilities:

Best selection of weights and state of the art machinery: Bally's

Best customer service: Bally's

Most likely to be open in the middle of the night: 24 Hour Fitness

Most likely to cost ridiculous amounts of money to work out: Tie Bally's and 24 Hour Fitness

Most likely to have an escalator that is

so fun it will make you forget to work out: 24 Hour Fitness

Most likely to see genitalia: USD

Place you are most likely to work out for free during the two hours that you're actually allowed to: USD

Best place to meet chicks: 24 Hour

Best place to meet dudes: USD

Place where you are most likely to get shot at by rappers: USD

Place where you can work out in a garage because our college can't afford otherwise: USD

Place most likely to ask Jenny Craig to donate another million or two for improvements: USD

ADVANTAGE: USD, because it's free. Look at it like this: get a membership at 24 Hour Fitness or Bally's and drink Natty Light, work out at USD and drink Sam Adams. No contest.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/21-2/19

Your family problems can be quickly reduced with the use of your pyromaniac tendencies. We aren't talking about burning down houses, but candles and incense might alleviate the built up tension.

Pisces 2/20-3/20

You're feeling trapped, but a little singing (in the rain, shower or otherwise) will set you free and leave you hung over with romance.

Aries 3/21-4/20

Although your week started with a sour surprise, with a little planning you can toast the weekend with some unusual friends. Clink, clink.

Taurus 4/21-5/21

Your relationship is getting stale, set it aside and look for someone with a little more chemistry. Don't know where to find them? Try looking right under your nose.

Gemini 5/22-6/21

Make an old friend a new sweetheart by being bolder than usual. Be sure to hang with trusted friends on Friday.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Instead of your usual hook ups, search out a friend you can truly confide in. Take some time out for a game of pool or a chat on West Point field.

Leo 7/23-8/23

This week you will make some discoveries about your real friends, remember to respect their values and to stand by your own.

Virgo 8/24-9/23

The little people around you are craving attention. If you feed their cravings, they'll be loyal puppy dogs for the rest of the semester.

Libra 9/24-10/23

Your mischievous, outgoing personality will carry you through the challenges and uncertainties life has in store for you.

Sagittarius 11/23-12/21

While you've finally managed to crawl out of your shell, don't venture out so far that you leave yourself completely vulnerable.

Capricorn 12/22-1/20

Utilize your inner strength to keep your priorities in focus. If you're feeling alone, don't despair, good things happen when least expected.

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small thoughts

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The NBA started the 1999 basketball season after confronting the two biggest controversies in the history of the sport. The NBA lockout and the retirement of Michael Jordan were rumored to be the worst thing that could possibly happen to the sport. Many people said that the NBA would be unable to bring the fans back and suffer the same way Major League Baseball did when it had its own strike in 1994. The home run chase, which brought the fans back to baseball, cannot be equaled in the NBA because there is no more Michael Jordan. Because the owners and players alike were worried about how the fans would react to the shortened Michael-less season, the players held lengthy free autograph sessions along with a new marketing campaign "I still love this game."

Interestingly enough, everyone was wrong. The first week of the season saw the NBA enjoy an alarming 93 percent attendance rate (which would be closer to 97 percent if it weren't for the pathetic Clippers and Warriors). The fans do still love this game. The reason is for the first time in three years somebody other than the Bulls has a chance to win the NBA title. Let's be realistic here, for the last six complete seasons Jordan competed in, nobody other than the Bulls has had a chance to win. He proved his dominance by doing with two different sets of supporting cast members. Now, however, there are the Rockets, Spurs, Sonics, Jazz and Lakers in the Western Conference, and the Pacers, Knicks, Nets, Heat and Magic in the Eastern Conference who all have a legitimate

shot at the title.

The league is interesting again because the fans can come out and support their teams all season long without the inevitable heartbreak that comes along with facing the Bulls at any point in the playoffs. The shortened season has also aided in the excitement. Instead of the marathon season that spanned 82 games and six months the NBA season has become a three-month 50-game sprint. This will not allow the fans to get bored with the season. As soon as the games begin to look all alike and fans' minds start to drift. The playoff push will begin with numerous trades prior to the trading deadline while each team tries to make themselves a legitimate contender with a late season run.

The season will also be filled with everyone searching for the next Jordan. Although there will probably never be another Jordan, the league does need a leader. Throughout the past few years, negative publicity has been cast on many players in the league. The NBA has been portrayed as a league full of drug addicts and thugs. Chris Webber, Allen Iverson and Latrell Sprewell are largely responsible for this poor image. The problem is that they are some of the best players in the league, which makes their off-the-court antics draw massive publicity.

There is a group of rising young stars with perfect track records who are ready to take over the spotlight. Grant Hill, Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan have all proved to be good citizens, hard workers and great role models for the young fans everywhere. This season will be the best and most exciting in recent history. The NBA has lacked quality competition since the majestic Laker/Celtic rivalries of the 1980s. This can be the year that basketball is reborn.

Sports

The Comeback Kids

The Lady Toreros prove they still have some fight in them

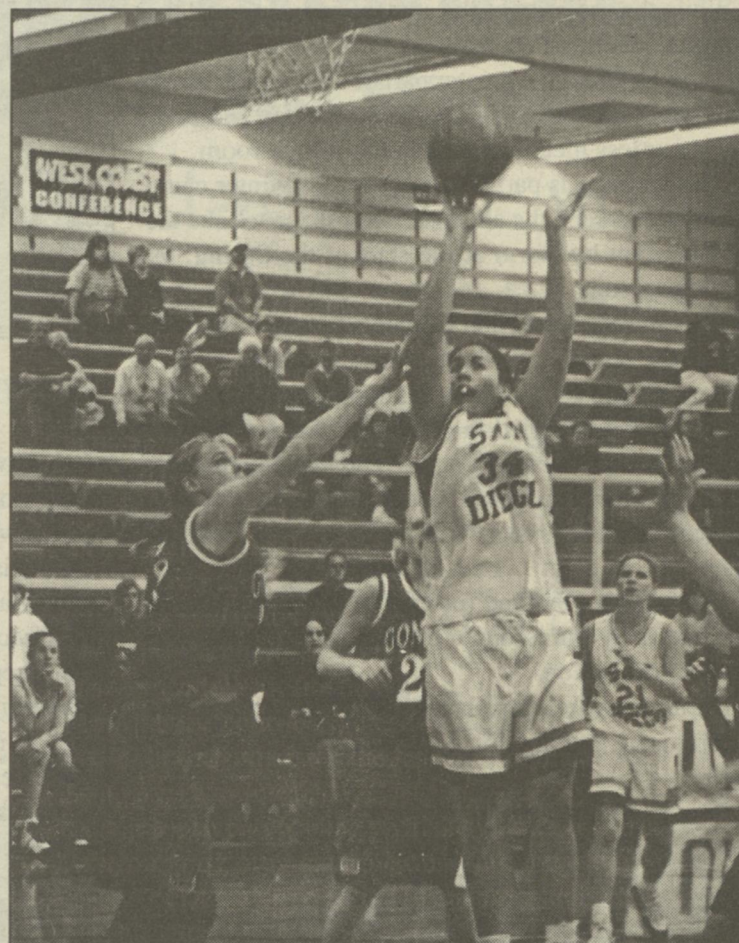
BEN KAIN
Staff Writer

When the Lady Toreros entered last Thursday's matchup against the Portland Pilots (14-9; 6-5), they found themselves in the midst of a six-game losing streak. To make matters worse, Maggie Dixon, one of the team's senior leaders was sidelined with a stress fracture in her left foot. Morale was not high, but playing at home and on television inspired the team to leave all they had on the court.

The Toreros (13-11; 6-6) started the game with Maria Perez-Barris sinking the opening bucket. This was one of the few highlights of the first half for the Toreros as the Pilots built a 36-22 halftime lead. Having trouble finding anyone to step up the scoring, Jessica Gray, who scored 17 points and had 11 rebounds, and Perez-Barris, who recorded 16 points, put together a scoring barrage. Down by 14 at the beginning of the second half, the Toreros had the game tied with nine minutes left to go in the game. Andrea Burns picked up her outside shooting by making all three of her three-point attempts and finishing the game with 14 points.

With four seconds left in the game, Gray sank a jumper to tie the game for the sixth time. This clutch shot would send the two teams into overtime where the lady Toreros carried the momentum of their second half comeback to victory. Perez-Barris led the team with four points in the OT as the Toreros won 73-70. "This win means a lot to us because we've been on the road and haven't won," Perez-Barris said. "This gives us confidence, knowing what we can do if we work hard."

That hard work and confidence followed the team into their next game against the Gonzaga Bulldogs (7-17; 3-9). After sputtering out of the gates and only



Kristine Huffaker

Freshman forward Jessica Gray had a double-double performance with 17 points and 11 rebounds against Portland.

scoring 22 points in the first half against Portland, the Toreros jumped all over Gonzaga by scoring six unanswered points to begin the game. With 11 minutes left in the first half, Gonzaga had only scored six points due to the tenacious defense of the Toreros forcing 13 turnovers in the first half and 20 in the game.

USD built a 36-25 lead at halftime, never trailed, and never were tied in this game. Jessica Gray once again led all scorers with 19 points and 10 rebounds. She received support from Susie Erpelding and Kari Ambrose who each contributed 14 points. Ambrose was on fire from the three-point arc, hitting four of her six attempts. Burns also made an important contribution by hitting all four of her free throw attempts. Things did not improve for Gonzaga as the Toreros stretched their lead to as many as 21 points in the second half. The final score was 72-54.

With these two wins, the Toreros improved their overall record to 13-11, putting them in the fourth slot in league play. The win over Portland was important because it tied both teams league records at 6-6. The Toreros wrap up their regular season play with two important home games. On Friday, Feb. 19th, they will play a pivotal game against league leading Santa Clara at 7 p.m. They finish the season playing San Francisco on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Lady Toreros have a new sense of confidence, and it looks like things are beginning to mesh at the perfect time of the season. The WCC Tournament begins Friday, Feb. 25th, and the Toreros would love to carry their new found emotion to victory. They need to improve on their road record of 2-7 to be successful but with two big wins this week, anything is possible.

USD Crew: Ready for War on the Water

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While the majority of the student body enjoyed the long and deserved winter break from school, the USD crew team spent the greater part of their winter break rowing dozens of water sprints on the bay and pulling countless meters of ergs in the weight room.

This training is part of the program's winter camp designed to keep the athletes in top shape to take the competition by storm at the start of the Spring '99 racing season.

Will both the men's and women's teams be ready to make the opposition whine in the upcoming week?

Head Coach for the women's squad Lee Ann Crain said, "Upon completion of winter camp, I feel we have a stronger women's novice and lightweight team overall. Now it is just a matter of time to see what the competition is like. It is pretty much a guessing game at this point ... and we are ready to go."

Crain is also looking forward to seeing the rivalry produced by numerous crew scholarship programs around the nation.

The athletes are enthusiastic about settling some old scores and making some new enemies out on the water.

Varsity lightweight Scott Davis said, "We trained really hard over break, and plan on doing our best to



Jenna Castrogiovanni

The crew team has been practicing all winter break preparing for their first scrimmage on Feb.20 against UCSB.

win lightweight and go all the way to nationals. We are really looking forward to racing UCSB at the San Diego Crew Classic in March."

UCSD is not the only one of the teams biggest rivals on the water, but they also share the boathouse in Mission Beach. Each team take note as to where the other is on a regular basis, and this adds to the sport's extra competitive nature.

According to novice stroke seat Josh Carreon, "We have a very strong dedicated team and are really looking forward to a rematch with OCC." OCC beat out the novice squad by nine seconds at the Newport Re-

gatta in Newport Beach last November. USD novices will have their chance to vanquish OCC during the upcoming SDSU/OOC scrimmage March 6.

The Spring season which marks the crew program's 20th year at USD begins this weekend as the team heads north to Santa Barbara for a scrimmage with another long time rival, UCSB.

USD crew has put in the effort as well as the dedication for a remarkable Spring '99 racing season. It will be interesting to see how the competition holds up and how the Toreros hold up against the competi-

Baseball completes sweep of Sac State

KIT BARMANN
Staff Writer

USD soundly defeated the visiting Sacramento State Hornets in a three-game series sweep over Valentine's Day weekend.

Friday's game was won in dramatic, final inning style as freshman Greg Sain put the game in the books with a full count, three-run homerun. This gave the Toreros a 7-5 edge, and pitcher Ryan Hamilton a notch in the win column, evening his record at 1-1.

San Diego had eight hits off of the Hornet pitching staff, and Sacramento State stranded 12 men on base for the game. Both teams committed two errors apiece.

On Saturday afternoon junior Mike Amundson started on the mound for San Diego. When the bottom of the ninth rolled around, the Toreros enjoyed a convincing a 7-0 win. It was Amundson who strode off the mound, having pitched a complete game shut out.

The third game of the series was also dominated by USD as they racked up

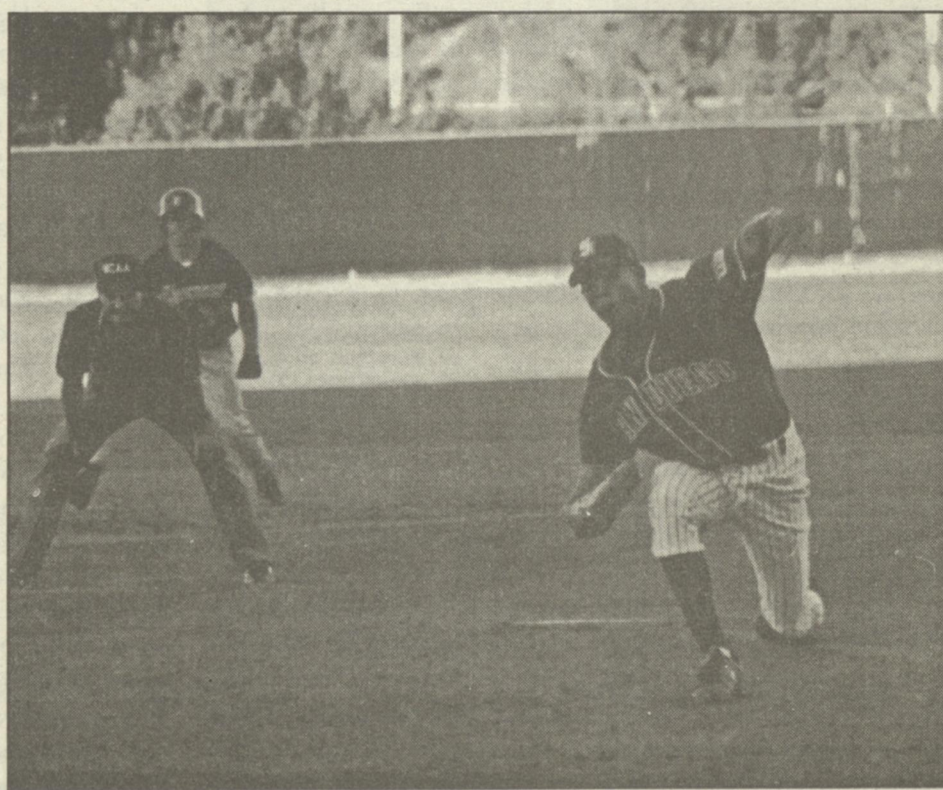
nine runs on 12 hits, while allowing only one Sacramento run off of five hits.

San Diego scored twice in the second inning, and then put another one across the plate in each of the next three. The explosion came in the bottom of the sixth when the Toreros nearly batted around as they worked Hornet pitcher Brian Gates for four hits, bringing in four runs.

Senior Chris Humpert went 3-4 and started the fun with a rip to left field for a double. Junior Marty Hayes, 2-4 and 3 RBIs, then stepped up to the plate two batters later, and took the first pitch to deep right scoring Humpert for the first run of the inning, and earning a double for himself.

When senior Juan Garcia stepped into the batter's box, Sean Skinner stood on second and Joe Lima was leading off at first. Skinner hit a hot grounder to Sacramento's third baseman which scored Humpert. Lima earned his trip on board the bases by finding a hole between shortstop and third base for his third hit in four at bats.

Garcia found a pitch he liked and sent it to deep left center, scoring both base runners and getting a double. The score was now 9-1 in the bottom of the sixth



Kristin Huffaker

Junior pitcher Bryan Bealer closed the game on Friday against Sacramento State with the scoreboard favoring the Toreros 7-5.

with Sacramento heading to the plate.

The Hornets went three up, three down in the seventh and eighth innings and were finished off in good form with a

Torero double play in the ninth to end the game.

Kevin Gray got the win for USD and the Toreros record is now 5-2.

FANS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations, Fans of the Week!!!

Really ladies, you should have shaved your legs before your photo shoot!!! Thank you for supporting TORERO athletics:)

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

Feb.18	Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Feb.20	San Francisco	7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Feb.18	Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Feb.20	San Francisco	7 p.m.

Baseball

Feb.17-20	San Diego Baseball Tournament	
Feb.18	Oklahoma State	12 p.m.
Feb.19	Arizona State	2 p.m.
Feb.20	Oregon State	1 p.m.
Feb.21	SDSU	3 p.m.

Softball

Feb.19	Cal Baptist	2 p.m.
Feb.20	Azusa Pacific	1 p.m.
Feb.23	UCSD	5 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Feb.20	LMU	12:30 p.m.
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Women's Tennis

Feb.21	Washington	12 p.m.
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Crew

Feb.20	UC Santa Barbara	7 a.m.
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Swimming & Diving

Feb.20	UCSD Invitational	All Day
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Men's Golf

Feb.22	Pt.Loma Invitational	7 a.m.
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*All home games are in bold letters.

Last Week's Scores

Men's Basketball

Portland	W	66-57
Gonzaga	L	62-69

Women's Basketball

Portland	W	73-70
Gonzaga	W	72-54

Baseball

Sacramento	W	3-0 , (7-5, 7-0, 9-1)
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Softball

Pt.Loma	W	2-0 (5-4, 4-0)
Concordia	W	2-0 (3-1, 3-0)

Swimming & Diving

PCSC Championships 2nd Place [out of 15 universities]

Placed first

Gretchen Pen	200 Individual Medley	02:07.54
Shannon Pace	1 Meter Diving	384.05
Courtney Coleman	400 Individual Medley	04:29.51
Melissa Willard	200 Backstroke	02:03.95
C.Coleman	200 Butterfly	02:10.72
M.Willard, Kristine	400 Medley Relay	03:55.39
Hayashi, Chrissy		
Motaschman & Steph Wang		

Placed first & broke a meet record

S.Pace	3 Meter Diving	481.85
M.Willard	100 Backstroke	00:56.75

Intramurals & Recreation

Season Opener

Volleyball Players Wanted!

No Skills Required

SCOTT BERGEN

Volleyball Supervisor

The Volleyball leagues this semester kicked off last Monday night installing new favorites and reanimating old rivalries. It was a night of great heroism, brilliant individual athleticism, exceptional selfless team play and some really really bad volleyball.

The theme for the season has been set out already and it starts with an "f" and ends with an "orfeit." Game 1 in the women's league saw The **Giants** but not the **Soph. Stars**. The Giants tried to cheat by having two men on their team, but had just enough ladies out their to get the forfeit win. On the other court, it wasn't pretty as walked all over **Who Knows**. The Who Knows is apparently short for, "who knows how to play volleyball?" Next the **Dogs** took out some kryptonite (even though that only works on Superman) to defeat **Wonder Women**. Brianna Barr kept it close while diving on just about every play but lost 12-15, 11-15. The **Pi Princesses** were left cowering in the corner as they did not show up to face the juggernaut that is **Christina Loffredo's Team**.

In Men's action, the upset and fan favorite of the night saw **Comic Relief** come from back from an 0-6 deficit

in the first to steal the win from the haughty **Two Words: We Bad**. Comic Relief won it 16-14, 15-12 despite the 5 aces and 9 kills by Khalid Maxie of We Bad. The **Free Agents**, under the careful leadership of super star Carlos Dominguez beat **SigEp** 15-13, 15-8.

The Game of the Week featured **So/No Cal** and **I Dig**. It was the only game in either league to go three games. I Dig, despite being down a man stole the first game 18-16, while So/No Cal fought back to take the second 15-13. The third game saw So/No Cal jump out to a 9-1 lead, the outnumbered came all the way back, but were no match for Dan Peykoff's 27 kills as So/No Cal won the third game 15-11. **C-Section** was out of "operation" as **Omega Nuts** picked up the forfeit win. The **Tough Guys** Mike Conger had 2 aces, 6 kills and 6 blocks as he helped his team to take some of the shine out of intramural regulars, **AVP Gold**. Tough Guys won it in two games as they came from being down 11-14 to win it 17-15.

Kevin says, "Schick's Superhoops was the bomb! Check out my article on the next page!"



Officials' Meetings
Tuesday, Feb 23 for:

Floor Hockey
at 5pm

5x5 Basketball
at 6pm

Meetings will be held in the Sports Center. All officials should attend these meetings.



New Hockey Dynasty Wanted!

It has been a year since we crowned a champion in floor hockey, but it has been several years since we've had a solid competitive league. The days of 12 A-league teams and 12 B-league teams are gone, but not forgotten. Last years champs, **Wu On Ice**, sit around and laugh about how easy it was to win. Things like, "Okay, we won and how many people had played hockey before?" "I don't know, I played basketball in high school." "I played football." "Why can't USD's football team, or Maher Hall put together a team to beat a woman (Marya Young was the only female member of last year's championship team. The first time a female has won a men's floor hockey championship) and 5 guys who've never played before?"

To be the next hockey dynasty and to quiet the Wu, sign-up your hockey squad by this Friday. It's only \$25 a team and is guaranteed to be a lot of fun.

CR Football Starts with Bang

MIKE GHILARDI

Co-Rec Football Supervisor

The kickoff of the co-rec football season was filled with excitement as **Team SigEp/Kappa** and **Team Buddy** played an intense game. Team Buddy, wearing the white flags, jumped out to an early six to nothing lead as Anna Mulgrew completed a touchdown pass to senior, Matt Weaver. Team SigEp/Kappa then denied team Buddy of their extra point attempt. Team Buddy stopped a remarkable drive by Team SigEp/Kappa with an interception by Argy Stathopulos. Team Buddy put the game out of reach with five minutes to go in the game with a touchdown pass to Jim Kemmis from this week's most valuable player Matt Weaver. It seems like the season has just begun, but playoffs are approaching fast. They begin Sunday Feb. 28th starting at 12pm with championships on March 7th. Make sure your team can play by having no forfeit!

THIS WEEKS GAMES

6:00PM CAREBEARS VS KE KUKAE

7:00PM ROMAN AJA VS BUDDY

8:00PM SIGEP/KAPPA VS DROPOUTS

PREDICTIONS

CAREBEARS 21 KE KUKAE 14

ROMAN AJA 18 BUDDY 24

SIGEP/KAPPA 12 DROPOUTS 8

Katie, We Got Next Win Schick's Superhoops

KEVIN MALADY

Special Events Coordinator

Last Wednesday night when everyone and their mom came up to the gym to play in the 3rd annual Schick's superhoops tournament, I looked around and conceded the tourney to Matt Dunn and his **And One** team. Some fans had their money on the **Irish Assassins** and others thought the **Lock-out Champs** would get some revenge from last season's 3x3 disappointment.

As usual there were many players who came out just to have some fun, others who used to play against jo mama (playing at Duke now) in high school, and countless high school blue-chippers.

In the first division, the Lock-out champs, behind Antonio Hyde and Emiliano "I'm bigger than Jerry" Springer, beat Jason McKenna's **J-Rock** squad and earned a number one seed in the single-elimination tourney. In division two, The Irish Assassins tied with Matt Dunn's **And One** team. **Team Bano** was the crowd favorite in this division, but their record of 0-3 was no indication of their entertaining play. In the third division, **Too Fat** pulled a number one seed, while Aka Umoh and Aaron Blum made the tourney with a two seed. Hmm...didn't they beat Too Fat, yet somehow they get dropped to second and face the team that goes

on to win the tournament in the first round of the playoffs? I don't want to cause problems, but I thought I saw Noah and Katie (sorry to confuse you, but this Katie is the team name of the winning basketball squad, which just happens to be named after freshman Katie Simcic, IM Worker) in the office before the tournament?

Anyway, in division 4, Katie and **Ryan Jesse's** team advanced. Key word here would be legal. As in show up with legal players. That goes for division 5 too. **Mixed Plate** won it 3-0 but used some dude from Kansas or Utah or maybe it was Texas. But he's supposed to be coming here next year. **Joe Brophy's** team got the second seed, but would fall in the playoffs.

Here was the semi's: Lock-out Champs versus **And One**. Katie versus Irish Assassins. Can I get a "I was robbed!" Once again the Lock-out champs lose on a questionable call. Not to say it was wrong, or that **And One** (and when I use the team name I do not include all the team members, who nearly all of them, are very respectable guys) played with a poor attitude (you know who you are). After further review of **And One's** poor attitude, Lock-out Champs were given a second chance with five seconds to tie the game. The shot was

close, but came up short, Champs lost by one. Matt Dunn had only one comment after the game, "I'm a seasoned veteran, I'm not going to lose in those situations. Ballers at USD have NO idea on how to win, period."

In the other semi, Irish Assassins gunned from way downtown to stay close with Katie's twin towers. After regulation the game was still tied, but you could see the fatigue in the Irish's eyes. Katie took it to them in the 2-minute overtime period to gain entry into the tournament's finals.

The final was not nearly as entertaining as the rest of the tournament. Katie came out rejuvenated after their last victory. Their tall blond guy (Rik was his name I believe) could not be stopped. As for the rest of their team, they basically did nothing, except their captain, he kept score. Dunn, Arietta, Chiocck and Martinelli had no answer and no legs left after three hours of play. The game was over from the get-go, Katie easily one 13-7 and earned the right to play for USD in the Regional Championships at USC.

Thanks to all workers and participants for making this year's tournament the best ever.

Get Your Teams in Now! Entries Close Tomorrow for:

5x5 Basketball

Singles Tennis

Floor Hockey

Other past champs thinking of returning include:



Love Donkeys set to return to 5x5 Basketball!

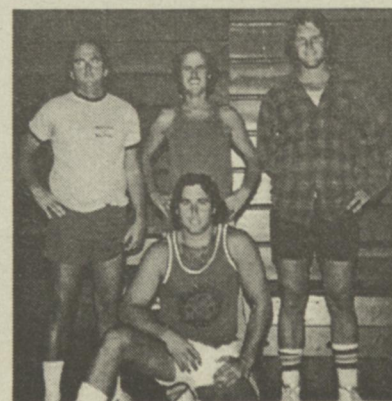
After a year's worth of hiatus, America's Favorite 5x5 Basketball team, The Love Donkeys, are coming back. Team captains, Joe Brophy and Scott Bergen, say that the return of crucial role players sparked the reunion. Brophy added, "We're going to compete for the championship again. Last year was fun, but it didn't have the same fire the Love Donkeys had."



The Cardiac Arrest Squad



Hootie and the Blowfish



John Travolta and the Stars of Deliverance

It's all here...

1999-2000 Housing Sign-ups begin Monday, March 1

Now is the time to decide where you want to live next year. Current USD students may choose one of the following three options.

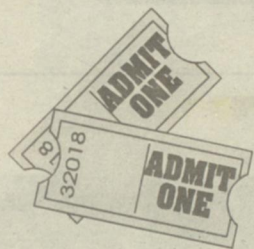
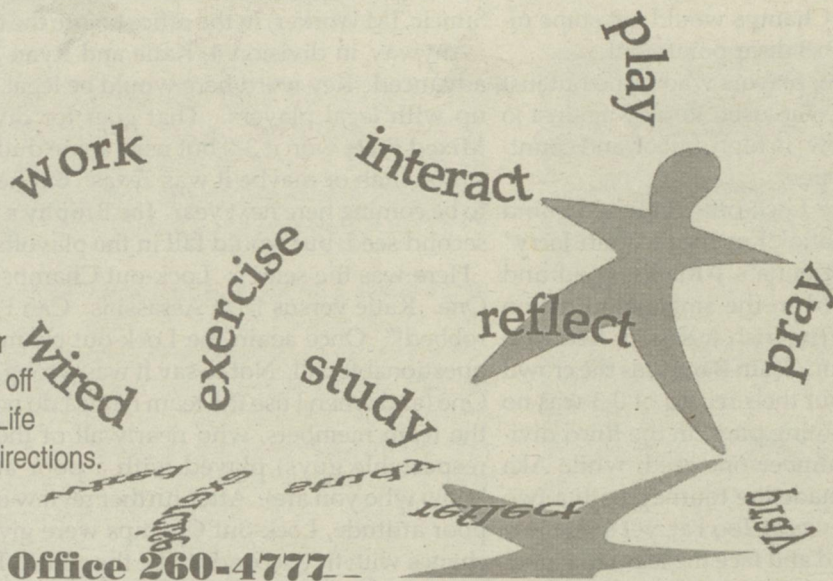
- **Stratified Lottery** - to select a new room or housing area
- to live in one of the **Residential Living Options (RLO)** areas
- **"Squatter's Rights"** to remain in the room you are currently occupying

Housing Dates and Deadlines

March 1 - 18	Stratified Lottery
March 1-5	Residence Living Options
March 1-12	Squatter's Rights Option
March 18	Last day to enter Lottery
March 20-21	Sign-up Weekend

Current residents will receive detailed instructions in the "Live at USD" newsletter available from their RAs. For more information, or if you currently live off campus, please visit the Housing and Residence Life Office located in Mission Crossroads for sign-up directions. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Housing and Residence Life Office 260-4777



Want **FREE** Tickets to the Old Globe Theatre?



Tell us a little bit about yourself and you will qualify to win a pair of tickets to Albee's People or Floyd Collins (\$74.00 value), the opening legs of the Globe's spring season.

Within the next 30 days, will you...
(please check all that apply)

- Visit a regular restaurant ☐
- Visit a fast food restaurant ☐
- Visit a movie theatre ☐
- Purchase or rent a movie ☐
- Use a printing or copying service ☐
- Visit a nightclub or bar ☐
- Visit a health club or gym ☐
- Purchase liquor or beer ☐

Within the next six months, will you...
(please check all that apply)

- Purchase car repairs ☐
- Purchase a haircut ☐
- Purchase clothing ☐
- Attend a professional sporting event ☐
- Go to a concert or a play ☐
- Purchase computer hardware or software ☐
- Visit/phone a travel agency ☐
- Go skiing/snowboarding ☐

Are you currently employed? Y/N If so, where?

If you answered yes to the previous questions, do you work...

- 10 or fewer hours/week ☐
- 10-20 hours/week ☐
- 20-30 hours/week ☐
- Full time ☐

Would a coupon in the VISTA for an oil change influence where you would go for an oil change? Y/N

Do you have a regular mechanic? Y/N

Do you live on campus? Y/N

If no, do you live in...

- Mission Beach ☐
- Pacific Beach ☐
- Ocean Beach ☐
- the Dog Patch ☐
- other ☐

Name _____

Student ID _____

Age _____

Class Standing _____ Fr. So. Jr. Sr.

LIMIT ONE ENTRY PER PERSON

To qualify, please complete survey and drop at UC 114 B by Feb. 23. Winners announced in Feb. 25 issue of VISTA.